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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 645  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Auburn Dawn O'Neal,  
2002 Valedictorian of Greenbrier High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Auburn Dawn O'Neal is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Greenbrier High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Ms. O'Neal has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average and an outstanding score of 30 on the ACT; her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Greenbrier High School surely bodes well for her future success; and

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WHEREAS, Auburn Dawn O'Neal has been a valuable participant in many organizations and programs at Greenbrier High School, including service in RISE, the Beta Club, the French Club, the Spanish Club, the BPA, and the FBLA; and

WHEREAS, highly respected among her peers, Ms. O'Neal has served as the Leading Member of the Future Problem Solving Team and Leading RISE Member; and

WHEREAS, an active participant in the FPSP, she placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the State in Scenario Writing for all four years of her high school career, 2<sup>nd</sup> in International Competition in On-site Scenario Writing in 2000-2001, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State for Skit Competition in 2000-2001, 3<sup>rd</sup> in International Competition in Scenario Writing in 1999-2000 and 1998-1999, 3<sup>rd</sup> in International Competition in On-Site Scenario Writing in 1999-2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Future Problem Solving State Bowl in 1999-2000, and 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Future Problem Solving State Bowl in 1998-1999; and

WHEREAS, Captain of the Greenbrier High School Tennis Team, Auburn Dawn O'Neal has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability as a talented singles and doubles player as a member of both her school's Tennis Team and the Highland Rim Tennis Association; lettering in Tennis her Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior years, she has received the Most Dependable Award, led her team to a 1<sup>st</sup> Place finish in the Highland Rim Tennis Tournament; won the Doubles Championship at Freed-Hardeman Tennis Camp and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District Girls' Singles Tournament, and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Regional Girls' Singles Tournament in 1999-2000; she has also earned the distinction of being State-Ranked in USTA for 2001-2002 and was named to the All-District Team in 1998-1999; and

WHEREAS, a talented artist, Ms. O'Neal won 1<sup>st</sup> Place honors in the 2001 National Arts and Kids Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 1998 National Cedar Hill Pencil Doodle Contest, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Painting at the 2000 Tennessee State Fair, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Painting at the 2000, 1999, and 1998 Robertson County Fair, and numerous ribbons in the 2000 and 1999 Robertson County Schools Art Shows; she also sells her remarkable paintings through her website, Art by Auburn Dawn; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic volunteer in her community, she has generously dedicated her time and energies to the betterment of the lives of fellow citizens, serving in many community programs and organizations, including teaching weekly tennis lessons to Junior High School students, collecting Christmas gifts for the children at Brownwood School for Severely Disabled Children, and volunteering at the Brownwood School; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of the Green Ridge Church of Christ, Auburn Dawn O'Neal faithfully serves as a Teacher of the First Grade Bible Class and as an Assistant Teacher of the Wednesday Night Junior High Girls' Bible Class; in the past, she has served as the Teacher of the Wednesday Night Cradle Roll Bible Class; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named the 2002 Valedictorian of Greenbrier High School, Ms. O'Neal has been voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by her Senior Class and has received Academic Excellence Awards in English 302 and 202, Spanish I and II, Art II and III, Geometry, Drama and Debate, Algebra II, Chemistry, French I and II, and Speech; she has also received the Presidential Scholarship from David Lipscomb University, the Trustee Scholarship from Feed-Hardeman University, and an Academic Scholarship from Harding University; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as an outstanding Sales Associate with Service Merchandise; and

WHEREAS, Auburn Dawn O'Neal's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. O'Neal's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Greenbrier High School Valedictorian, Auburn Dawn O'Neal, on her impressive academic achievements and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.